

Dictionary and Thesaurus

Publisher	Title	Author	©	Grade Level	R = Resource Correlation
Educators Publishing (Interim 2)	Primary Phonics Picture Dictionary	Barbara W. Makar	1996	K-2	R - N/A
	Key Features: A picture dictionary featuring high-frequency words with accompanying pictures. Excellent for use with ESL students. Classroom reference tool for beginning readers.				
Educators Publishing (Interim 2)	A Spelling Dictionary for Beginning Writers	Gregory Hurray	2002	2-6	R - N/A
	Key Features: Provides a smooth transition from word walls to reference books, introduces alphabetizing and dictionary skills, and encourages confidence and self-sufficiency in beginning readers. A dictionary section listing words alphabetically for quick reference and blank spaces for custom entries. A word bank listing words by theme or category, such as food and clothing. A mini-thesaurus with alternatives for bland or overused words like big, small, good, or great.				
Educators Publishing (Interim 2)	A Spelling Dictionary for Writers	Gregory Hurray	2002	6-8	R - N/A
	Key Features: Improves students' creative and expository writing, corresponds to middle school curriculum areas, and promotes independent and expressive writing. A quick reference dictionary providing over 5000 high-frequency words and space for student entries. A special section to clarify commonly confused homonyms. A thematic thesaurus listing content-area words and synonyms for overused words and expressions.				
Hampton-Brown Books	Picture Perfect Big Word Book	Hampton Brown	1999	K-2	
	Key Features: Entries organized around curricular themes such as Animals, Neighborhood, and Seasons. Big Book and small books, also available in Spanish; A large picture for every word; Unique Teacher Guide and Activity Card Pack				
	Intended Use: Designed especially for English learners and At-Risk students.				
	Evidence of Effectiveness: Based on current ESL and At-Risk research; hundreds of schools are successfully using the books to supplement their ESL and At-Risk classrooms.				
	Teacher Aids: Big Book with matching small books. Teacher's Guide & Activity Card Pack				
	Picture Perfect Small Word book	Hampton Brown	1999	K-2	
	Key Features: Entries organized around curricular themes such as Animals, Neighborhood, and Seasons. Big Book and small books, also available in Spanish; A large picture for every word; Unique Teacher Guide and Activity Card Pack				
	Intended Use: Designed especially for English learners and At-Risk students.				
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	Picture Perfect Dictionary 1	Hampton Brown	1999	1-3	
	Key Features: Sample sentences for every entry; a picture for every word; visual definitions and multiple meaning words support learners; unique Teacher Guide and Activity Card pack				
	Intended Use: Designed especially for English learners and At-Risk students.				
	Evidence of Effectiveness: Picture Perfect Dictionary 1 is based on Current ESL and At-Risk research ; Hundreds of schools are successfully using the books to supplement their ESL and At-Risk classrooms.				
	Teacher Aids: Teacher's Guide & Activity Card Pack				
	Picture Perfect Dictionary 2	Hampton Brown	1999	2-6	
	Key Features: Dozens of Expanded Entries focus on curriculum topics; unique Newcomer Section builds basic vocabulary ; Unique Teacher Guide and Activity Card Pack				
	Intended Use: Designed especially for English learners and At-Risk students.				
	Evidence of Effectiveness: Picture Perfect Dictionary 2 is based on current ESL and At-Risk research ; Hundreds of schools are successfully using the books to supplement their ESL and At-Risk classrooms.				
	Teacher Aids: Teacher's Guide & Activity Card Pack				
	Abrapalbra! Big Word Book	Hampton Brown	1999	K-2	
	Key Features: Entries organized around curriculum themes, Big books and small books, also available in English; a large picture for every word, meaning developed for over 700 words; unique Teacher Guide and Activity Card Pack				
	Intended Use: Designed especially for English learners and At-Risk students.				
	Evidence of Effectiveness: Abrapalabra is based on current ESL and At-Risk research ; Hundreds of schools are successfully using the books to supplement their ESL and At-Risk classrooms.				
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	<p>Key Features: Entries organized around curriculum themes; a large picture for every word meaning developed for over 700 words, unique Teacher Guide and Activity Card Pack</p> <p>Intended Use: Designed especially for English learners and At-Risk students.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Abrapalabra is based on current ESL and At-Risk research; Hundreds of schools are successfully using the books to supplement their ESL and At-Risk classrooms.</p> <p>Teacher Aids: Big Book with matching small books; Teacher's Guide & Activity Card Pack</p>				
Houghton Mifflin (Interim 2)	The American Heritage First Dictionary	Houghton Mifflin Staff	2003	1-2	R - N/A
	<p>Key Features: Includes the 500 words that, according to research, are most frequently used in first and second grade level reading materials. Students will be able to find the words in the dictionary that they come across in their reading. Each entry contains a definition as well as an example sentence or sentences to show the word in context helping children develop their writing and communication skills. All of the illustrations and photographs depict the kinds of toys, machines, clothes, and items that kids will see every day in the world around them. Both the text and the illustrations/photographs avoid gender or age bias.</p>				
Houghton Mifflin	The American Heritage First Dictionary	American Heritage	1998	1-2	
	<p>Key Features: Teaches students in grades 1 and 2 how to use the dictionary; the 1,800 entry words are arranged in a single-column format, which makes the dictionary easy for first and second graders to read; this edition has been expanded with a Phonics and Spelling sections; the front matter is designed to help teach dictionary skills; the dictionary has a very contemporary look</p> <p>Intended Use: Includes the 500 words that, according to research, are most frequently used in first and second grade level reading materials</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Not applicable – used as a reference tool.</p>				
Houghton Mifflin (Interim 2)	The American Heritage Student Dictionary	Houghton Mifflin Staff	2003	5-8	R - N/A
	<p>Key Features: The word list is based on computer compilations of words that appear in books and other reading materials that children actually use in grades 5-8. The dictionary is designed to be a student's transition to the efficient use of adult dictionaries. Therefore, it incorporates many of the features and conventions, such as etymologies and inflected forms, commonly used in adult dictionaries, but most of the material has been simplified to be easily understood.</p>				
Houghton Mifflin	The American Heritage Student Dictionary	American Heritage	1998	6-9	
	<p>Key Features: Designed to be a transition from the simpler children's dictionaries to adult dictionaries. Employs a similar layout and a number of features and conventions used in adult dictionaries. Definitions, example sentences and notes carefully written for readers in grades 6-9. Designed to be attractive and intriguing to invite browsing and further exploration; page format and layout facilitates learning.</p> <p>Intended Use: Based on computer compilations of words that appear in books and other reading materials that children actually use in grades 6-9</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Not applicable – used as a reference tool.</p>				
Houghton Mifflin (Interim 2)	The American Heritage Children's Dictionary	Houghton Mifflin Staff	2003	3-5	R - N/A
	<p>Key Features: Intended for students in grades 3-5, and its vocabulary is based on analyses of actual texts used by students. Its definitions, sample sentences, and special features are readable and appropriate for students in these grades. The word list contains a broad range of the latest computer and science terms that are also grade appropriate. All basic vocabulary terms include the latest information available. The illustrations reflect the current research in order to be both topical and accurate.</p>				
Houghton Mifflin	The American Heritage Children's Dictionary	American Heritage	1998	3-6	
	<p>Key Features: Helps students learn to use a dictionary as a resource for effective communication. Students find definitions, synonyms, antonyms, word histories, and usage notes are introduced to the style and content of a thesaurus; designed so that the wealth of information available is easily accessible to students includes an expanded Spelling and Phonics guide focusing on phonics and spelling generalizations, word building, homophones, and commonly misspelled words; has a detailed guide to the dictionary, a preview page, and a full pronunciation key.</p> <p>Intended Use: Intended for students in Grades 3-6, and its vocabulary is based on analyses of actual texts used by students.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Not applicable – used as a reference tool.</p>				

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	Key Features: Intended to provide young writers with the tools to make their writing more precise and more interesting. Its unique design encourages students to think analytically about word choice and to find the right word for a particular context.				
Houghton Mifflin	American Heritage Children's Thesaurus	American Heritage	1997	3-7	
	<p>Key Features: Has a wide range of entries and carefully selected synonyms to add color and precision to writing at every level. Encourages students to distinguish among an array of synonyms by testing each word against an example sentence. Features include more than 35,000 synonyms, a clear sample sentence for every sense of every entry, lively full-color photographs throughout, and more than 100 antonyms and word-group features.</p> <p>Intended Use: Helps children in grades 3-7 choose the best word for a sentence. Encourages and expands children's vocabularies while teaching them valuable new word skills.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Not applicable – used as a reference tool.</p>				
Houghton Mifflin (Interim 2)	The American Heritage Student Thesaurus	Houghton Mifflin Staff	2003	5-8	R-N/A
	Key Features: Definitive thesaurus for students seeking to communicate more effectively by means of a broader vocabulary. Properly used, a thesaurus can help students make their writing more interesting, by avoiding overuse of the same restricted vocabulary, as well as more precise, by choosing a more specific word to substitute for a more general term.				
Houghton Mifflin	The American Heritage Student Thesaurus	American Heritage	1999	7+	
	<p>Key Features: Helps students in grades 7 and above who are solidifying their reading and writing skills; Eighty-six page booklet lists 200 entries in synonym paragraph form to help students choose from over 800 synonyms to become more effective writers; introductory section explains to students how to use a thesaurus.</p> <p>Intended Use: The definitive thesaurus for students who want expanded word choice for more effective communication.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Not applicable – used as a reference tool.</p>				
Prentice Hall, Inc.	Thorndike-Barnhardt Advanced Dictionary	Editorial Staff	1997	7-12	
	<p>Key Features: 120,000 definitions and 1,500 illustrations ; usage notes, synonym studies, and etymologies ; 16-page style manual</p> <p>Intended Use: Advanced dictionary</p>				
Scott Foresman	Scott Foresman First Dictionary		2000-2001	K-8	
	<p>Key Features: Contains words children use daily, with easy-to-understand, full sentence definitions. Full color illustrations including drawings, photographs, and cartoons. More than 4000 entries.</p> <p>Intended Use: A beginning word dictionary for Grades 1-2</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Focus groups were conducted with first and second grade teachers in Deerfield, Illinois. The objectives were to get teacher reaction to the development of Scott Foresman First Dictionary, and to find out what type of pronunciation teachers wanted shown in a first dictionary. In addition, a survey of K-2 teachers was conducted at IRA to determine what kind of dictionary-related activities would be useful in a classroom.</p>				
	Scott Foresman Pictionary		2000	K-1	
	<p>Key Features: Words are arranged in fun categories such as On the Farm, Opposites, and What to Wear? An alphabetical section builds reading readiness. More than 1000 entries with strong picture/text match</p> <p>Intended Use: A picture Dictionary for Grades K-1</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Focus groups were conducted with kindergarten and first grade teachers in Deerfield, Illinois to provide editorial and design direction.</p>				
	Scott Foresman Pictionary Posters		2000	K-1	
	<p>Key Features: 24 images on 12, 2-sided posters – 24" x 18" – packaged in a vinyl bag with a hook for display. Teaching suggestions included. Available in English and Spanish</p> <p>Intended Use: An engaging way to build vocabulary and increase reading readiness in K-2 classrooms.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Focus groups were conducted with kindergarten and first grade teachers in Deerfield, Illinois to provide editorial and design direction.</p>				

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	<p>Key Features: 180 entry words discuss more than 900 synonyms. Example sentences use each synonym in its own context. Colorful, appealing format.</p> <p>Intended Use: An introduction to thesauruses for children who are beginning to write.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Over 200 teachers K-2 and 3-5 representing 30 states responded to a survey conducted at IRA. The purpose was to determine what kind of reference materials were used in the classroom, how often they were used, and how they were used.</p>				
	Writer's Thesaurus		2000	5-9	
	<p>Key Features: 600 entries with more than 4000 synonyms. Example sentences use each synonym in its own context. Brilliant, 4-color art on every page.</p> <p>Intended Use: For students who are working to develop their writing.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Over 200 teachers K-2 and 3-5 representing 30 states responded to a survey conducted at IRA. The purpose was to determine what kind of reference materials were used in the classroom, how often they were used, and how they were used.</p>				
	Thorndike-Barnhart School Dictionary		2001	3-5	
	<p>Key Features: More than 35,000 entries including mini-lessons with practice masters. Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization guidelines, grammar and usage conventions, and a built-in Writer's Handbook and Thesaurus. Colorful photos, stories about word origins, a mini-atlas, and a mini-encyclopedia</p> <p>Intended Use: A dictionary and reference tool for Grades 3 – 5.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Surveys were conducted at IRA to determine what type of activities should be included in support material for dictionaries. In addition, teachers indicated the kinds of teaching materials and the frequency and type of use of reference materials they used in the classroom. Over 200 teachers representing 30 states responded. Focus groups were conducted in Deerfield, Illinois to determine the same. A questionnaire survey of over 1300 5th and 6th grade Language Arts teachers was conducted, regarding dictionary usage in the classroom.</p> <p>Teacher Aids: Dictionary Skills Blackline Masters</p>				
	Thorndike-Barnhart Intermediate Dictionary		1997	4 - 8	
	<p>Key Features: Lavish artwork; hold color, and pictorial theme pages. A mini-encyclopedia and atlas, plus a Writer's Handbook and Thesaurus. More than 65,000 entries with synonyms for 6000 words.</p> <p>Intended Use: A dictionary and reference resource for Grades 4 – 8.</p> <p>Evidence of Effectiveness: Surveys were conducted at IRA to determine what type of activities should be included in support material for dictionaries. In addition, teachers indicated the kinds of teaching materials and the frequency and type of use of reference materials they used in the classroom. Over 200 teachers representing 30 states responded. Focus groups were conducted in Deerfield, Illinois to determine the same. A questionnaire survey of over 1300 5th and 6th grade Language Arts teachers was conducted, regarding dictionary usage in the classroom.</p> <p>Teacher Aids: Dictionary Skills Blackline Masters</p>				